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Bryan Birthday Banquet

The University dining hall was a very attractive scene on the evening of March 19th as the group of staff members, trustees, and students found their places at the long tables decorated in aqua and yellow. The theme of the banquet was "Service", and in opening the group sang, "The Star-Spangled Banner", after which Prof. Garner Hoyt gave the invocation. Prof. Fish introduced the toastmaster, President Judson A. Rudd. Miss Ruth Clement sang, "What God Hath Promised." A very attractive lily shaped peach sherbet was then served. "Waltzing Dolls" was the piano solo played by Miss Dorothy Borrer, and Mr. Albert Wyllie gave a fine tribute to William Jennings Bryan. The main course consisted of chicken a-la-king, new potatoes, succotash, celery and olives, and buttered rolls. A scripture message was read by Miss Ruth Clement, after which everyone joined in singing "America". Mr. Richard Langford, representing the senior class, presented a Service Flag which President Rudd received in behalf of the school. A roll-call of Bryan boys in the service was read by Mr. Langford, and four seniors responded with letters from some of these boys. Miss Hazel Waller gave "A Salute to the Boys", and everyone joined in singing "In the Service of the King." Lettuce and tomato salad with crisp crackers were next served, after which Mr. Clyde Brogan sang, "The Blind Ploughman." Lemon meringue pie and coffee, mints and nuts added their appeal to the finish of the dinner. Everyone enjoyed the address which was given by Dr. Charles F. Lanier, of Macon, Ga. The group sang, "Faith of Our Fathers," and Rev. E. B. Arnold pronounced the benediction.—F. R.

"Education is not filling the mind with knowledge, but turning the eye of the soul toward the light."—Fellowship News.

Commoner to Press

"When will the Commoner be out?" "Will we get it next month?" "How much will it cost?" These are a few of the inquiries that come to the members of the Commoner staff, who smile and say, "Just wait; you'll see." It was with sighs of relief and general handshaking that the copy was sent off to the printer.

The annual is published by the Junior Class and will be sold for three dollars per copy. The staff promises a new and different yearbook and requests those who desire a copy to send in their orders early. We are sure that you will be proud to own a copy.

Campus Clean-up

As this issue of the NEWSLETTE goes to press, the University campus takes on a new appearance. Last year's leaves are being gathered together and hauled away. Dead limbs, misplaced stones and unsightly debris, the accumulation of a winter of stagnation are cleared away to bring to light the new grass, plant shoots, and small flowers already on their way. Students and staff members alike donned slacks and overalls or old "britches" to make a pleasant, fun-filled holiday from classes out of an otherwise endless and impossible task.

The progress of such a large group of willing workers is amazing, and it takes no time at all for the changes to begin. With light lunches provided during the rest period half way between the regular meal times, the workers cease their labors, find havens of rest on campus benches or piles of leaves and devour the snacks. There is no noise in the dorms as the weary students take their rest in the evening, preparing for another day of work and fun. Tired as they are, they will all admit that the coming of Spring is worth the efforts to beautify the campus. The new life appearing where death has reigned for a season is a lesson in the cycle of divine order—death, burial, resurrection.—V. S.

Generous Response

With practically a complete report available on the returns from the annual birthday prayer letter it can be said that many old and new friends have recognized the vital need of continuing the work of the University during these dark days and have contributed generously. The student body, and the faculty and administrative staff of the University are deeply grateful, not failing to praise the Lord for the way that He has used the letter. Along with praise we are led to ask that we might be granted wisdom and foresight coupled with a profound faith so that we shall be able to carry on the work of the Lord here at the University under the uncertain and unstable conditions that exist everywhere.

We, as Christian Americans, realize that the task to which we have set ourselves—training young men and women—is one of great importance, and that our foundation is rooted and grounded in the Word. We realize that it is not our task only, but rather that it is our task together; that it will require a willing and cheerful sacrifice on the part of both workers and contributors. In these days of evil, is it an unreasonable sacrifice for our great Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? And if not, then pray with us that God may give both the means and the will to carry on for His glory and honor.—A. W.

THE SHEEPHERD'S INTERPRETATION Of the 23rd Psalm Now Available

Many NEWSLETTE readers will remember the Shepherd's Interpretation of the 23rd Psalm that appeared serially last summer in the July, August, and September issues of the NEWSLETTE. So many requests were received for copies of the article that it was decided to issue a reprint.

Unable to find time to do the printing ourselves, it was decided to have it done commercially, after a friend offered to share in the expense. Copies of the reprint are available to any who want them. No charge will be made for limited quantities.

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—God Above All—

BE OF GOOD CHEER

This is not a time to close our eyes to the world in turmoil about us. It is a time for vision and aggressive action, and not for dreaming and passive idleness. It is a time for hope and vital faith if our expectations are well grounded. If our faith is in God we have nothing to fear.

The twenty-seventh chapter of Acts was written for our encouragement in a day such as this in which we are now living. Some may have perceived "that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage." The majority, including those in authority, may have believed a devil's lie more than God's Word. But when our ship has been caught and driven in a tempest, it does no good to look back to the safety that might have been, unless it causes us to have faith in God's Word. If, and when, we "believe in God," we can be of Good Cheer. We may not be out of the storm, but we can look forward to being cast on a certain island, without the loss of life. God will bless us in the storm and in spite of the storm. It may cost to learn the lessons of faith but God is a faithful teacher. *Be of Good Cheer.*

As we look back over the years since the Bryan University was founded, we see where mistakes have been made. We have been sailing a stormy sea. After so many years of rough sailing we hesitate to be over-optimistic. We have determined not to gloss over the difficult aspects of our situation. At times we have been charged with over-emphasizing the dark side of things to students, staff members, and subscriber friends. But now, when so many are pessimistic, we believe we can rightfully sound an optimistic note.

"Now I exhort you to be of Good Cheer." God's anchors will keep us from falling on the rocks. We can lighten our lives of the useful and yet unessential things. We shall reach the desired haven. *Be of Good Cheer.*

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Class of 1943

Since arriving at Bryan from Yeading, Pennsylvania, the record and achievement of John Harper is one that has commanded the



respect of all Bryanites. He has been actively engaged in Christian service work. The times that he has not been on the "Dean's List" have been few, and his general average has been consistently high. But his success in the realm of books and Christian service has not kept him from other extra-curricular activities. Whenever there is a game of football, basketball, or table-tennis, "Johnnie" is usually there. Also, it should be mentioned that he has been teaching physics in the local high school. His color is blue; his girl, Nellie!

Coming from Akron, Ohio, Eileen Hartschuh has spent four years here at Bryan, winning many friends with her pleasing personality.



Her interests are varied and her activities have been many. Probably her most outstanding talent is in the field of music, where she has blended her voice with the Girls' Quartette, Choir and also in many solo and duet selections. Child evangelization work, Archery Club, Forensic Union, and Foreign Mission Fellowship have also kept her pretty busy during her four-year stay at Bryan.

With all these activities Eileen has found time to be a constant member of the Dean's List and also to be listed in the Who's Who for the past two years. She is also Secretary of her class and head waitress in the dining hall until a recent illness caused her to resign her position.

With her eyes on the Foreign Field, Eileen faces the future trusting in the Lord for all her needs and knowing that His will shall be done. When asked about plans after graduation her face lights up in a typical Eileen smile and her eyes glitter with that certain sparkle—what is it? Well your guess is as good as ours.

Ruth Elvina Clement, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Clement, of



Spencer, Ohio, came to Bryan four years ago, during which time she has become known as a very capable, and dependable person.

Many times we have enjoyed "Ruthie's" sweet and clear soprano voice and the delicious results of her cooking.

Ruth is one of those chosen to be in Who's Who among students in American Universities and Colleges, is an active member of the Forensic Union, Foreign Missions Fellowship, but her chief interest lies in Child Evangelism work, through which she has ministered to both white and colored children in and around Dayton.

Ruth is majoring in English and has no definite plans for the future. She is leaving that to her Lord.

Says Ruth, "I am happy in the service of my King. The next step is still dim but God hath promised 'I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye'."

Manford Cain, treasurer of the senior class, comes to us from Newport, Kentucky. He first entered Bryan



as a freshman in 1938, and after the completion of his sophomore year, worked at home for one year before returning as a junior.

During his college life here at Bryan, Manford has shown a wide interest in evangelism, having taken part in mountain mission work, street meetings, and child evangelism work. His interest in photography has made him president of the Camera Club for the past two years, and photograph editor of the 1942 Commoner.

From time to time he has entertained the student body with his vocal talent, having taken voice under Professor Hartman during his junior and senior years.

Manford's self-help activities have been in the kitchen and dining room as assistant cook and waiter.

Bryan University

CHILD EVANGELISM WORK ESTABLISHED AT MORGANTOWN

Approximately 160 more children are being reached through new child evangelism work which has recently been started at Morgantown grade school, about one mile west of Dayton. Workers go out each Monday morning to present a varied program, including flannelgraph and object lessons, scripture memorizing, and the singing of choruses.

Miss Ruth Clement, who leads the group, is assisted by Miss Joyce Brubaker, Clyde Brogan, and Manford Cain.

Credit is due Mr. Walter White, County Superintendent of Schools, and Mrs. George Dawn, principal of Morgantown School, for the opportunity which has been afforded the Child Evangelism Fellowship in reaching these young ones for Christ.

Your interest and prayers are coveted for this work.—C. W. B.

WHY IS IT TRUE?

Recently we had the privilege of reading a new book from the pen of the gifted scientist, George McCready Price. The title is "How Did the World Begin?" It is another study of Creation by the author who has given forty years to his field of Geology and its kindred subjects. One statement in the volume is worthy of serious consideration. "I do not believe that Christian parents should quietly permit their children to be taught falsehoods that are so easily refuted by clear scientific evidence." Just why is it true that the educational institutions of the world are being held in thralldom by the dying hypothesis of "Organic Evolution"? Why is it true that so few graduates of our high schools and colleges know that there is any doubt about the credibility of the theory of evolution? There is but one answer, namely: Parents of the children, men and women who pay the taxes to support the educational institutions, have never realized just how degrading to morals, how destructive to faith, how dangerous to society, the Darwinian hypothesis is. It is high time that a concerted effort were being put forth to see that text books prepared by scientists who know that God's Word is true are being substituted for the books prepared during the past century by skeptical or infidel authors for use in our institutions of learning.—Western Recorder.

The Newsette

WORDS

Keep watch on your words, my friends

For words are wonderful things;
They are sweet like the bees' fresh honey,

Like bees they have terrible stings.

They can cut in the strife of anger
Like an open, two-edged knife.

They can bless like the warm, glad sunshine

And brighten a lonely life.

Keep them back if they're cold or cruel,

Under bar and lock and seal.

The wounds they make, young people,

Are always slow to heal.

God guard your lips, and ever,

From the time of your early youth,

May the words you daily utter

Be words of beautiful truth.

—Selected.

BIRTHDAY VESPER

A special vesper service honoring William Jennings Bryan was presented by the Sophomore class in the University Chapel on Sunday afternoon, March 21st. The program consisted of Mr. Bryan's favorite hymns and several of his speeches, with the Great Commoner himself praying The Lord's Prayer and reading the Twenty-Third Psalm. Other recordings given were *Ideal Republic* and the *Cross of Gold Speech*, on the political side, the Virgin Birth and Immortality in the religious realm. In closing Sumner Wemp gave a short talk on "The Religious Life of Bryan." Others taking part on the program were Peggy Hege, playing the records; Bob Harper, leading the group singing; George Birch, announcing; and Lillian Borgard doing the directing.—G. B.

WHEN THE AGNOSTIC FELT LIKE A SNAIL

One of England's scientific men, an agnostic, who had acquired great wealth and had reached the summit of his ambitions, stood one morning in his garden, watching a snail climbing a small plant. As the snail reached the top of the highest leaf and struck out its feelers in all directions, and found no higher pathways, it slowly turned and climbed downward. "I am like that snail," mourned the old man. "I am like that snail." Such is the fate of all those who leave God out of their plans. In the end they must retrace their steps downward.

—The Witness.

Chapel Speakers

The messages brought to the Bryan family this past month have proved a great blessing in our chapel services.

Colonel F. B. Miles had a series of services and presented the work of the Russian Missionary Society.

Students and staff alike were thrilled at the testimony of Dr. R. A. Forrest, as he told of the hand of God in the progress of Toccoa Falls Bible Institute, of which he is the founder and president. He gave a short inspiring message on Christian service, using the text, Acts 13:36.

The work of the Westminster Theological Seminary was presented in word and motion picture by the Field Secretary of that institution, Rev. A. W. Kuschke.

These services were climaxed on Bryan's birthday by the vivid and informative exposition of the book of Esther by Dr. Harris H. Gregg, Professor of Bible.

'NO BIBLE, NO BREAKFAST'

Reading God's Word has been a great blessing in my spiritual life. One day I read these words in Acts 17:11, "they . . . searched the scriptures daily," and I decided to do the same thing by God's help. Now I usually read ten chapters of the Bible every day—two in the Old Testament, five Psalms and one chapter of Proverbs. In this way I read through the Old Testament once a year, the New Testament three times a year, and the Psalms and the Book of Proverbs once a month. The Psalms teach me to pray and how to commune with God; the Proverbs teach me how to deal with men. My motto for the past years has been, "No Bible, no breakfast," because I realize that I must "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

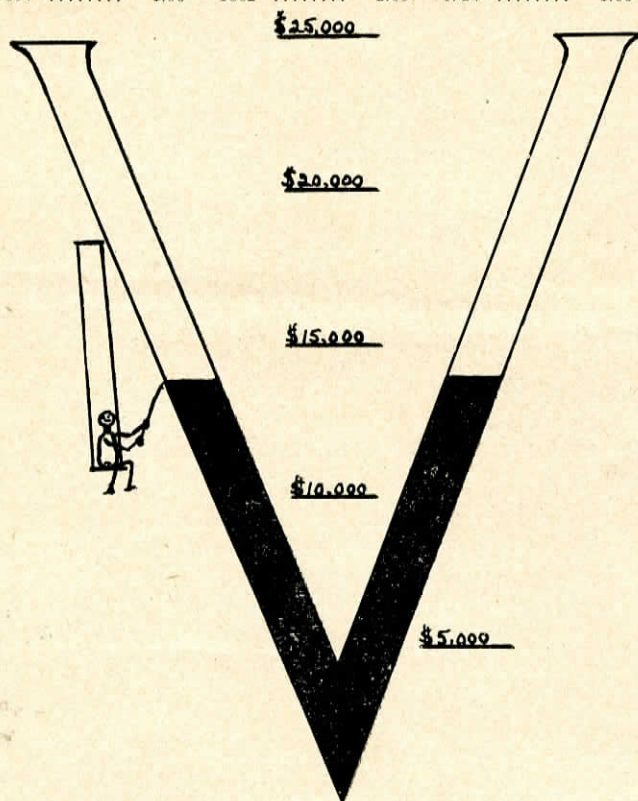
—Leland Wang.

CARELESS WORDS

When you say, "the deuce," you are really saying, "the devil"—Webster's Dictionary. "Dickens" is another euphemism for "the devil." "Darn," according to Funk and Wagnall's, means "to damn." Webster says "gosh" is a substitute for "God," as is "golly." "Gee," according to Webster's, is a form of "Jesus." Many say "heavens" who wouldn't say "hell." Which is worse?—Evangelical Beacon.

March Gift Receipts

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				1722	2.00	1784	5.00
				1723	5.00	1785	10.00
				1724	1.00	1786	5.00



Receipts to March 31, 1943.....\$13,729.06

For God and Country

Private George Cone
Belleville, Ohio

"I know that being called to the Army has drawn me closer to the Lord . . . I'm sure it will bring glory to His name in some way, or He wouldn't have called me."

Air Cadet Theodore Mellow
San Antonio, Texas

"I hope to go to pre-flight school soon . . . they have a caste system . . . whereby the upper classmen keep the lower classmen 'on the ball'."

Cpl. Cecil Hanson
North Africa

"The Arabs are still rather primitive in many respects. It is quite interesting to watch them plow with their home-made plows with oxen pulling them."

George Cone, freshman, and Mervin Mellinger, senior, have recently been inducted into the armed forces.

Sam Says "Thanks"

Dear Folks:

I wish I could tell you about every friend who sent in a gift for the party. Perhaps the gift that thrilled us most was a \$100.00 gift from a former student who is with the Marines on an island in the Pacific.

Former students and their parents are showing an increasing appreciation for the work you are helping to do here. Let's keep up the good work and get ready for all the young people who will be coming when the war is over.

Victoriously yours,

Sam

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